

**LIST OF CLAIMS, SHOWING THE STATUS OF EACH CLAIM**

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) A nucleic acid molecule comprising a first nucleotide sequence encoding a *Bacillus subtilis* phosphodiesterase PhoD signal sequence operatively linked to a second nucleotide sequence encoding a heterologous polypeptide.

4. (Previously Presented) A recombinant expression vector comprising a first DNA sequence encoding a *Bacillus subtilis* phosphodiesterase PhoD signal sequence operatively linked to a second DNA sequence encoding a heterologous polypeptide.

5. (Previously Presented) A host cell containing a recombinant expression vector comprising a first DNA sequence encoding a *Bacillus subtilis* phosphodiesterase PhoD signal sequence operatively linked to a second DNA sequence encoding a heterologous polypeptide.

6. (Original) The host cell of claim 5, wherein said polypeptide is not naturally associated with a secretion signal peptide.

Claims 7-11. (Cancelled)